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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 1059

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TAGS: PFOR, TZ, VS, ZA, AG

SUBJECT: MADAM BINH MAKES IT, BELATEDLY

1. AT LUNCHEON HOSTED APRIL 11 BY AMBASSADOR FOR SELECTED DELEGATES AT CONCLUSION OAU FONMIN MEETING, ZAMBIAN FONMIN VERNON MWAANGA TOLD FOLLOWING SIDELIGHT ABOUT CONFERENCE.

2. ALGERIAN FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA HAD BEEN SOURCE OF IRRITATION TO MANY AFRICAN DELEGATES. HE GAVE TWO AND ONE HALF TO THREE HOUR SPEECH WHICH WAS SO DISORGANIZED AND DELIVERED IN SUCH SLOW PACED STYLE THAT EVEN DELEGATES TRYING TO TAKE WRITTEN NOTES FINALLY GAVE UP IN DESPAIR. BOUTEFLIKA WAS LEADER OF MILITANTS URGING USE OF VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION, BUT WHEN IN DRAFTING COMMITTEE AFRICANS TRIED TO GET TOUGH LANGUAGE CONCERNING EMBARGO OF OIL TO SOUTH AFRICA, HE SUDDENLY CHANGED HIS STRIPES AND SOUGHT ONLY MILD STATEMENT WITHOUT PUNITIVE CLAUSES. FINAL STRAW WAS EFFORT BY BOUTEFLIKA ON THURSDAY, APRIL 10, TO HAVE MADAM BINH OF PRG OF SOUTH VIETNAM, WHO HAD COME TO DAR ES SALAAM APRIL 6 FROM KINSHASA, ADDRESS OAU CONFERENCE. MWAANGA SAID HE OPPOSED MOTION ON BEHALF HIS DELEGATION. THOUGH ZAMBIA RECOGNIZES PRG, HE TOOK POSITION THIS
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MEETING HAD BEEN CALLED TO DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES,

NOT VIETNAM. DELEGATES HAD QUITE ENOUGH TO DO TO TRY TO
WORK OUT POSITION ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. OTHER
DELEGATES CONCURRED AND BOUTEFLIKA'S BID FOR PRIME TIME
FOR MADAM BINH WAS DEFEATED. SHE WAS EVENTUALLY PERMITTED
TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, AT 6:00 A.M. THIS MORNING
(APRIL 11) AT END OF FINAL ALL-NIGHT SESSION.
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